

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph after the Title on page 1 as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED DOCUMENTS

The present application is a divisional of U.S. application serial number 09/986,007 filed on November 7, 2001, and in turn claims priority to JP 2000-341079 filed November 8, 2000, the entire contents of each of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, prenumbered lines 18-29, with the following rewritten paragraph:

With the integrated type gas-insulated switching apparatus shown in Fig. 18, an isolating switch 1 is housed in a grounded metal housing 2 filled with an insulating gas, such as ~~SF₆~~ SF₆. Stationary electrodes 3 and 4 forming switching points (contacts) are fixed to insulating spacers, and are fixed to the grounded metal housing 2 by flanges 5 and 6.

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 3-6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In addition, when replacing the disconnecting switches, it is necessary to disassemble the disconnecting switches on site and reassemble new disconnecting switches thereon, ~~making long~~ lengthening the time required for the replacement work.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 30, to page 4, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

That is, both operations of the double-busbars stop so that it is difficult to fulfill the object of the double-busbar configuration allowing, when one of the double-busbars does not transmit power, the other thereof ~~to transmit~~ transmits power.

Please replace the paragraph at page 8, lines 23-31, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The integrated type gas-insulated switching apparatus (hereinafter, referred to simply as switching apparatus) 30 is also provided with insulated containers 37 and 38 in which the disconnecting contacts 35 and 36 are housed, whereby the insulated containers 37 and 38 housing the disconnecting contacts 35 and 36 constitute two disconnecting switches 39 and 40, respectively. Each of the insulated containers 37 and 38 is filled with an insulating gas, such as ~~SF.sub.6~~ SF₆ or the like.

Please replace the paragraph at page 9, lines 1-7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The switching apparatus 30 is provided with a circuit breaker contact (switching point) 47 and a single insulated container 42 in which the breaker contact 47 is contained, so that the single insulated container 42 containing the breaker contact 47 constitutes a single circuit breaker 43. The insulated container 42 is filled with an insulating gas, such as ~~SF.sub.6~~ SF₆ or the like.

Please replace the paragraph at page 12, lines 10-25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The integrated type gas-insulated switching apparatus 30 in this first embodiment is insulated from the ground side by the insulated container 50. Under normal operating state of the apparatus 30, current transmitted through the external terminals 44, 45 flows through the disconnecting contacts 35, 36, the metal container 49 and the breaker contact 47 into the external terminal 46, whereby the external terminals 44, 45 and ~~[[45]]~~ 46 are electrically

connected to the outside by the external terminal 46. In general, the external terminal 44 of one disconnecting switch 39 is connected to one of the double-busbars. The external terminal 45 of the other disconnecting switch 40 is connected to the other thereof. The external terminal 46 of the circuit breaker 42 is electrically connected to a bank circuit of a transformer or the like, or to a line circuit of a power transmission line or the like.

Please replace the paragraph at page 12, lines 26-31, with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to the configuration of the switching apparatus 30, the control of the opening and closing conditions of each of the disconnecting switches 39, 40 permits the selection of one of the double-busbars which is connected to the bank circuit or the line circuit ~~connected to the external terminal 46.~~

Please replace the paragraph at page 13, lines 1-6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In this case, in order to operate the disconnecting contacts so as to shut off or break the external terminals 44, 45 and 46, the operating unit 51 operates, individually, the control rods 52 and 53 so as to move them vertically ~~them~~, thus providing operating forces to the drive direction converting members 48a and 48b, respectively.

Please replace the paragraph at page 15, line 30, to page 16, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The above structure of the switching apparatus 30 is the basic structure of a line circuit, bank circuit, or the like connected to double-busbars, so that the reduction of the

switching apparatus in size by the gas insulation makes extremely reduced the whole size of a ~~transformer~~ substation in which the switching apparatus 30 is installed.

Please replace the paragraph at page 16, lines 24-31, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In addition, even if the insulation of ~~one of the switching devices~~ circuit breaker breaks down and a short-circuit occurs, the ~~other switching device continues operating properly~~ disconnecting switches keep their capability to open their own contacts, so that it is possible to replace ~~the only~~ the broken switching device. As a result, it is possible to cut off the busbar from the line side and to make economic the cost required for transmitting the replacement device to the site on which the switching apparatus is established, and to reduce the time required for completing the replacement of the replacement device.

Please replace the paragraph at page 23, lines 1-6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The drive mechanism 48 including the direction converting members 48a is housed in the metal container 49, which ~~is served~~ serves as a current path, and linked to the contacts 35 and 36 housed in the insulated containers 37 and 38. The drive mechanism 48 (converting members 48a) drives in conjunction with the contacts 35 and 36.

Please replace the paragraph at page 32, lines 21-23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fig. 9 is a cross sectional view illustrating another ~~examples~~ example of check valves 58a and 59a in a seventh embodiment of the present invention.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 32, line 31, to page 33, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

With this structure, in a normal state the check ~~valve~~ valves 58a, 59a are configured so that the movable valve 60 is put in contact with the O-ring 62 by the biasing force of the spring 61. The insulating gas is therefore unable to flow in the reverse direction b, which is from top to bottom in Fig. 9.